

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-08-07**

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Business Meeting: August 7, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Sale – Placeholder – (8/7/00)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC – Tier 2 procedural schedule – Discuss and act on Motion for Reconsideration of the Notice Suspending the Procedural Schedule (8/7/00)
3. D2000.4.47 and D2000.7.103 – Flathead Electric Cooperative Inc. and Energy Northwest Inc. – Notices of substitution of Counsel in both dockets and request for extension of time to file comments in the petition for declaratory ruling in D2000.7.103 (8/7/00)
4. D2000.1.11 – USWC – US West and Citizens Telecommunications Co of Montana – Discuss and act on Motion to Vacate Procedural Schedule (8/7/00)
5. Out-of-cycle meetings, e-mail comments, related matters – Further discussion on e-mail comments procedure (8/7/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm> or through e-mail at PSC@state.mt.us. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Powerex Docket N2000.7.105 (Will)

On July 20, 2000 British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation, D.B.A. Powerex submitted an application for a license to supply retail electricity to commercial and industrial customers in Montana.

2. Qwest "Call Planner" Feature N2000.7.107 (Dave)

On July 27, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-25, "Introduce 'Call Planner' Feature". "Call Planner" is an optional feature that provides for call forwarding for Direct Inward Dialing (DID) numbers. The feature is designed for business customers to enable their employees who work away from the office to receive calls at a remote location. Employees can remotely forward their business calls to any location and they can forward the calls based on time of day or day of week.

3. Qwest Communications N2000.7.108 (Leroy)

On July 27, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-26, "Reduction in Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) rates to align with increased Federal CALC rates." On July 1, 2000, the FCC increased the residential CALC rate by \$0.85 from \$3.50 to \$4.35. This proposed tariff reduce the rate for a TAP line by \$0.85 to effectively increase the Montana TAP to match to the new FCC level.

4. Qwest Communications N2000.7.109 (Leroy)

On July 27, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-27, "Revise Billing Format of Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Services. This filing changes the way TAP benefits are shown on a customer bill. TAP customers currently receive a reduced rate and are not charged the end user common line charge or federal CALC of \$4.35. With this revision, customers will be billed regular monthly tariffed rates for the service provided and CALC. Then TAP benefits will be shown on the bill as three credits - 2 Federal and 1 State of Montana. This change directly shows customers the benefits they are receiving from the FCC Lifeline Program and the Montana Telephone Assistance Program and will provide uniformity in the billing format across the 14 Qwest states.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-08-14

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2000.7.107 – Qwest – Tariff 00-25 Introduce "Call Planner" Feature
- N2000.7.108 – Qwest – Tariff 00-26 Reduction in Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) rates to align with increased Federal CALC rates"
- N2000.7.109 – Qwest – Tariff 00-27 Revise Billing Format of Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Services
- N2000.7.111 – Qwest – Request for availability of voice messaging service on a deregulated basis
- D2000.7.112 – Big Mountain Water Co – Application for authority to increase water rates & charges/Missoula
- D2000.8.113 – Montana Power Company – MPC Gas & Electric rate case application